Cases Registered with BIFR

190. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: LSHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases registered with BIFR as on date;

(b) the number of benches operating in BIFR at present;

(c) the number of board members in BIFR at present; and

(d) the action taken by Government to fill up the vacancies of members during the last six months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M. R. JANARTHANAN):

(a) As on 31.10.1998, 2381 sick industrial companies were registered with BIFR under the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985.

(b) and (o) At present there are three Members of BIFR in position. A Bench consists of minimum two Members and at present one bench is in operation.

(d) Action has already been initiated to fill up the vacancies.

Fixed Income targets for tax collection

191. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "I.T Department to scoop down upon 4 lakh elusive Delhi returnees" which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 30th October, 1998, if so, the reaction thereto;

(b) whether Government have fixed any target for income tax collection daring the current year, if so, the amount collected since January this year, Statewise;'

(c) whether Government are aware that PAN has not been issued to the applicants who had applied since April this year; and

(d) the number of PAN applications received, State-wise and the numbers allotted by Income-tax Department during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M. R. JANARTHA-NAN): (a) As a measure to widen the tax base, certain legislative measures have been introduced, making it compulsory to file a return of income if two out of four economic criteria fulfilled. This scheme has further been enlarged w.e.f. 1-8-98, whereby, if one out of six criteria is fulfilled, a return is required to be filled Accordingly the Govt, is committed to implement this "two by four" & "One by six" Schemes to widen the tax base. Issue of notices calling for return of income & other information referred to in the news report, is a part of this initiative to identify cases covered by the these schemes.

(b) The target for collection for the current financial year and the actual collection upto October, 1998 is as under:—

Taxes	Targets for Financial year (1998-99)	Collec tion upto Oct. 98
Corporation tax	26550.00	10349.99
Income-tax	20930.00	8716.97
Interest-tax	920.00	212.96

The targets are fixed for the whole financial year & Statewise date of collection in each Chief Commissionerate during current financial year is given at Annexure *[See Appendix 185, Annexure*

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(c) The allotment of PAN under the new series for Income-tax payers is in progress all over the country. There are j

148,46,934 total assessees on the regist-yers of the Income tax Department as on 31-3.98. However 1,51,07,026 persons have applied for allotment of PAN in the prescribed form and of this 28,16,866 applicants have already been allotted PANs upto 31st Oct. 1998.

(d) The Income tax Department has set up 36 computer centres all over the country for the purpose of allotting PAN. The Computers centre wise-status of the number of PAN applications received and allotment of PAN to the Income-tax payers as on 31st October, 1998 is given in the enclosed statement.

Statment

Centre	No. of PAN Appli-cations received on 31st Oct. 1998.	No. of PAN Allotted as on 31st Oct. 1998.
1. Delhi	913863	727431
2. Mumbai	1317788	941353
3. Chennai	606820	474875
4. Madurai	107958	13324
5. Coimbatore	98282	9358
6. Bangalore	535227	79066
7. Bhopal	545061	7318
8. Jabalpur	229718	593
9. Pune	648053	27581
10. Nasik	286918	20026
11. Kolhapur	286241	7430
12. Nagpur	339618	16979
13. Patna	267784	4656
14. Bhubneshwar	151570	6580
15. Ranchi	466772	6608
16. Shillong	326513	51
17. Kanpur	123989	12486
18. Agra	131811	9935
19. Meerut	236592	30013
20. Lucknow	248026	6355
21. Allahabad	80605	8959
22. Jaipur	602793	27247
23. Jodhpur	374223	28109
24. Hyderabad	375057	25241
25. Visakhapatnam	287396	5256
26 Cochin	283110	2999
27. Trivendrum	147936	1683
28. Rohtak	418326	54221
29. Amritsar	203914	46559
30. Jalandhar	377620	67883
31. Patiala	589184	75245
32. Calcutta	1699062	13838
33. Ahmedabad	609714	26232
34. Baroda	402571	6589
35. Rajkot	432901	11492
36. Surat	349000	13295
Total:	1,51,07,026	2816866

Encadrement of Officers carrying Economic Functions

192. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the IES- Cadre authority received some recommendations from the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation for encadrement of some posts carrying economic functions for encadrement in IES;

(b) whether DOPT O.M. No. AR-14017/10/86-Estt. (RR) dated 11th March, 1986 order "to have the isolated posts included in one of the organised services", and IES authority encadred some officers of Department of Agriculture and Cooperation as per this order; and

(c) whether IES authority wants to comply this DOPT order the IES Board order dated 12th May, 1983 and CAT order dated 27th November, 1997 for the officers who have not been encadred so far, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Entry into IES is now done only at Junior Time Scale level either by direct recruitment or by promotion from feeder grade through UPSC.

IES Cadre receives request for encadrement of posts at different levels from various Departments/Ministries